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LETTER DATED 27 NOVEMBER 1992 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter dated 20 November 1992 (S/24840) and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992) of 9 October 1992, I should like to share with the Council further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 20 and 26 November 1992, there appear to have been 55 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. In addition, information has become available about another 17 flights between 17 and 19 November that were not listed in my letter dated 20 November. Details as to the time and itinerary of these flights are attached in annexes I and II to the present letter.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

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Annex I

Flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force (20-26 November 1992)

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
150	20 November	0904	0942	A Galeb aircraft, tail number 24261, took off from Banja Luka Mahovljani airfield. This aircraft was checked and found to be carrying no ordnance. An aircraft detected 5 NM west of Sanski Most at 0912 by AWACS was possibly this aircraft. The track faded at Sanski Most at 0923 and landed back at Mahovljani at 0942.	North-east 150 KTS (173 mph) Low
151	20 November	0916	0954	A Super Galeb took off from Banja Luka Mahovljani airfield. This aircraft was checked and found to be carrying no ordnance. An aircraft detected by AWACS 15 NM north-west of Banja Luka at 0918 was probably this aircraft. The track faded at Metica, 35 NM south-west of Banja Luka and landed at Mahovljani at 0954.	South-west 340 KTS (390 mph) 4900 feet
152	20 November	0919	0920	An aircraft was detected 5 NM south-west of Banja Luka. The track faded after 2 NM.	North-west 70 KTS (81 mph) 900 feet
153	20 November	0942	0953	An aircraft was detected 5 NM north-west of Banja Luka. The track faded after 5 NM.	South-west 198 KTS (230 mph) Unknown
154	20 November	0943	0955	An aircraft was detected 5 NM east of Banja Luka and the track faded 5 NM north of Banja Luka.	North-west 340 KTS (390 mph) Unknown
155	20 November	0910	0952	A Galeb aircraft, tail number 24205, took off from Banja Luka Mahovljani. The aircraft was checked and found to be carrying no ordnance. This aircraft was possibly detected 5 NM south-west of Banja Luka by AWACS at 0950 and faded after 5 NM heading south. The aircraft landed back at Mahovljani at 0952.	South 245 KTS (283 mph) Unknown

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
156	20 November	1031	1107	A Galeb aircraft, tail number 24148, took off from Banja Luka Mahovljani. The aircraft was checked and found to be carrying no ordnance. This aircraft was possibly detected over Banja Luka Mahovljani by AWACS at 1034 and faded over Banja Luka at 1042. The aircraft landed back at Mahovljani at 1107.	- 270 KTS (312 mph) Low
157	20 November	1039	1113	A Super Galeb took off from Banja Luka Mahovljani. The aircraft was checked and found to be carrying no ordnance. This aircraft was possibly detected by AWACS over Banja Luka at 1112 and faded over Banja Luka soon after.	- 250 KTS (288 mph) Low
158	20 November	1400	1530	An MI-26 was observed arriving at Split by a member of UNPROFOR. Subsequent investigation into this aircraft's activities found that it had departed Vitez after delivering clothing and a container.	-
159	20 November	0726	0759	A Super Galeb took off from Banja Luka Mahovljani airfield. The aircraft was not checked for ordnance. It landed back at Mahovljani at 0759.	West-north-west 400 KTS (460 mph) 500 feet
160	20 November	1147	1207	An Utva aircraft, tail number 5025, took off from Banja Luka Zaluzani airfield and remained in the circuit performing aerobatics.	- Slow 600 feet
161	20 November	-	1320	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12655, was seen by observers at Mahovljani at 1313 heading south. It later landed at Zaluzani airfield at 1320. This aircraft had departed Zaluzani on 19 November at 1200. After refuelling the aircraft took off again at 1358 and departed to the north.	North Slow 400 feet
162	21 November	0851	1231	A Gazelle helicopter took off from Banja Luka Zaluzani airfield. No ordnance was observed on this aircraft, which landed back at Zaluzani.	South Slow 400 feet

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
163	21 November	0857	1005	An MI-8 helicopter, tail number 12365, took off from Zaluzani airfield on a technical flight. No ordnance was observed. The aircraft performed a number of practice landings before recovering at Zaluzani at 1005.	Random Slow 500 feet
164	21 November	1001	1015	A track was detected 40 NM south-east of Mostar in the vicinity of Bileca and was tracked for 30 NM along the boundary of the "No Fly Zone" before fading at Brijeg.	North-east 120 KTS (138 mph) 3800 feet
165	21 November	1036	1512	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 13655, took off from Banja Luka Zeluzani on an unknown mission. No ordnance was observed. The length of this mission indicates the helicopter landed at an unknown destination before returning to Zaluzani.	South Slow 300 feet
166	21 November	1442	1445	An aircraft was detected 30 NM north-east of Gorazde in the vicinity of Milici and was tracked for 5 NM before fading from radar contact.	North-east 100 KTS (115 mph) Unknown
167	22 November	0735	1155	A Gazelle helicopter was observed taking off and landing at Zaluzani airfield.	South Fast 400 feet
168	22 November	1000	1121	A Gazelle helicopter was observed taking off and landing at Zaluzani airfield. The route given to the observer was Banja Luka to Petrovac, then Zaluzani.	South Slow 300 feet
169	22 November	Not known	1157	An HN-45 helicopter landed at Zaluzani airfield. It was fitted with weapon pylons.	North Slow 200 feet
170	22 November	2250	-	Sector-N reported that two unidentified aircraft flew from the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina at Kobilja, entered the airspace of the United Nations Protected Area (UNPA) heading towards Glina.	-

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171	23 November	1106	1118	A Gazelle helicopter was observed taking off and landing at Zaluzani airfield.	South-east Fast 300 feet
172	23 November	1120	1535	A Gazelle helicopter was observed taking off and landing at Zaluzani airfield.	South Fast 300 feet
173	23 November	1145	1525	A Gazelle helicopter was observed taking off and landing at Zaluzani airfield.	West Fast 400 feet
174	23 November	1223	1355	A HN-45 helicopter was observed taking off and landing at Zaluzani airfield.	East Fast 3000 feet
175	23 November	1537	1539	A track was detected 20 NM west-north-west of Tuzla and tracked for 4 NM before fading from radar coverage in the region of Boljanic.	North-east 120 KTS (138 mph) Low
176	23 November	1600	1630	A CASA transport aircraft was observed landing at Cazin airfield. The airfield of departure was known to be Zagreb. The cargo contained military clothing, mail and oxygen for medical purposes.	Not reported
177	23 November	1643	1648	A track was detected 35 NM south-east of Mostar on the border of the "No Fly Zone" in the vicinity of Korita. The aircraft headed out of the "No Fly Zone" before fading from radar contact 15 NM west of Niksic.	South-east 165 KTS (190 mph) Medium
178	23 November	1730	Not known	A CASA transport aircraft was observed departing from Cazin airfield. It was carrying 14 passengers, 2 were military pilots and 4 were injured or sick children.	Not reported

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
179	23 November	1845	-	An aircraft was observed orbiting the airfield of Cazin, possibly attempting to land.	Random Slow Low
180	23 November	Not known	1917	An ANTONOV-2 transport aircraft was observed landing at Cazin airfield. It was carrying a cargo of military clothing.	Not reported
181	23 November	Not known	1928	An ANTONOV-2 transport aircraft was observed landing at Cazin airfield. It was carrying a cargo of welfare packages and mail.	Not reported
182	23 November	Not known	1947	A CASA transport aircraft was observed landing at Cazin airfield. It was carrying 6 passengers.	Not reported
183	23 November	2004	Not known	An ANTONOV-2 transport aircraft was observed departing Cazin airfield. It was carrying 9 passengers.	Not reported
184	23 November	2010	Not known	A CASA transport aircraft was observed departing Cazin airfield. It was carrying 5 passengers.	Not reported
185	23 November	2124	Not known	An ANTONOV-2 transport aircraft was observed departing Cazin airfield. It was carrying 2 passengers.	Not reported
186	24 November	0913	0918	A track was detected in the area of Banja Luka. This contact was possibly a helicopter.	Variable 200 KTS (230 mph) Low
187	25 November	1045	1210	A Gazelle helicopter was observed departing from Zaluzani airfield. The destination was not known and it later returned to land at Zaluzani.	West Slow 300 feet
188	25 November	1045	-	A Gazelle helicopter was observed departing from Zaluzani airfield.	East Slow 300 feet

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189	25 November	Not known	1140	A Gazelle helicopter was observed landing at Zaluzani airfield.	North-west Slow 200 feet
190	25 November	1150	1230	An MI-8 helicopter was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. The helicopter was on a technical flight and later landed back at Zaluzani airfield.	North Slow 1000 feet
191	25 November	1236	-	A Gazelle helicopter was observed departing from Zaluzani airfield.	East Fast 500 feet
192	25 November	Not known	1625	A Gazelle helicopter was observed landing at Zaluzani airfield.	West Slow 200 feet
193	26 November	0755	0757	An HN-45 helicopter, tail number 12930, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. It did not return to the airfield.	East Slow 400 feet
194	26 November	0810	0812	An HN-45 helicopter, tail number 12929, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. It did not return to the airfield.	East Slow 500 feet
195	26 November	0815	0816	An HN-45 helicopter, tail number 12928, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. It did not return to the airfield.	South-east Slow 300 feet
196	26 November	Not known	0846	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12893, was observed landing at Zaluzani airfield. It was painted white.	West Slow 300 feet
197	26 November	0914	1205	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12756, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield.	South-west Slow 400 feet

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
198	26 November	1015	1022	Detected south-west of Banja Luka. This contact was possibly a helicopter.	North Slow Unknown
199	26 November	1030	1031	Detected 30 NM east of Mostar. This contact was possibly a helicopter.	North Slow Unknown
200	26 November	1105	1107	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12893, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. It did not return.	North-east Fast 450 feet
201	26 November	1127	1157	An HN-45 helicopter, tail number 12927, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. The helicopter was on a technical flight.	Not known Slow Low
202	26 November	1516	1519	Detected 30 NM east of Mostar.	North Slow Unknown
203	26 November	1526	1528	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12756, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield.	South-east Slow 300 feet
204	26 November	1538	1541	Detected 15 NM south of Sarajevo heading west. The contact faded from radar coverage 5 NM south-east of Konjic.	West 280 KTS (320 mph) Unknown

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Annex II

Supplementary report on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force (17-19 November 1992)

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
133	17 November	1840	-	Sector-W reported that a green helicopter entered UNPA on 17 November at 1660 local time flying over Stara Gradiska from south to north, landed at Okucani. One coffin wrapped in "Krajina flag" was off-loaded; helicopter returned to Bosnia and Herzegovina.	-
134	18 November	0845	0905	United Nations military observers (UNMOs) have reported that a Gazelle helicopter was observed departing Zaluzani airfield heading east. This flight was declared a medical evacuation flight. No medical evacuation operations were observed. The helicopter returned to Zaluzani.	East Fast 200 feet
135	18 November	1006	1146	UNMOs have reported that a MI-8 helicopter was observed departing Zaluzani airfield heading south. This flight was declared a medical evacuation flight. No medical evacuation operations were observed. The helicopter returned and landed at Zaluzani. This helicopter was fitted with rocket pylons. However, no ordnance was seen.	South Fast 300 feet
136	18 November	1200	Not known	UNMOs have reported that a Gazelle helicopter was observed departing Zaluzani airfield heading east.	East Fast 200 feet
137	18 November	1218	1603	UNMOs have reported that a Gazelle helicopter was observed departing Zaluzani airfield heading south. It also passed by the airfield at 1310. The helicopter returned and landed at Zaluzani.	South Fast 200 feet
138	18 November	1341	1402	UNMOs have reported that a V-51 (UTVA) aircraft was observed flying circuits and aerobatics at Zaluzani airfield.	Local Fast 500 feet

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
139	18 November	1405	Not known	UNMOs have reported that a MI-8 helicopter was observed departing Zaluzani airfield heading north-east. It was not possible to confirm the mission of this helicopter.	North-east Slow 300 feet
140	18 November	2035	Not known	UNMOs have reported that a CASA-212 aircraft landed at Cazin airfield and offloaded 5 passengers and 1200 kgs of equipment. Inspection showed the consignment to have no weapons or ammunition.	-
141	18 November	2333	-	UNMOs have reported that an unidentified aircraft overflew Bogovolja from direction of Bihac towards Slunj.	-
142	18 November	2359	Not known	UNMOs have reported that an aircraft overflew Cazin airfield. It could not be identified because of low cloud.	-
143	19 November	0230	-	Sector-N has reported that an unidentified aircraft flew from the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina at Bogovolja heading towards Slunj.	-
144	19 November	1710	1750	UNMOs have reported that a CASA-212 aircraft from Zagreb landed at Cazin airfield. It had been carrying passengers and a consignment of clothing. The aircraft was inspected and no ammunition or weapons were found.	-
145	19 November	1900	-	UNMOs have reported that an ANTONOV-2 aircraft was heard circling overhead the Cazin airfield and made an approach to land. However, it did not land and returned to Zagreb.	-
146	19 November	1920	-	UNMOs have reported that the aircraft in serial 144 departed Cazin airfield with 18 passengers and 1 casualty.	-

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
147	19 November	1930	-	Sector-N has reported that an unidentified aircraft flew from north to south in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina close to the border 10 km south of Velika Kladusa.	-
148	19 November	2035	2100	UNMOs reported that two unidentified aircraft overflew Bogovolja from Mela Gradusa towards Slunj.	-
149	19 November	2230 2400	- -	Sector-N has reported that two unidentified aircraft flew from the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina at Bogovolja heading towards Slunj.	-